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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9319

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FOR : NEA/EX DIRECTOR WILLIAMSON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O.: 11652: N/A
TAGS: AFSP, SA
SUBJ: POST MANAGEMENT

REF : A. STATE 248538; B. JIDDA 6666; C. JIDDA 6395
D. STATE 245069

1. DUE TO PENDING TRANSFERS AND SCHEDULED HOME LEAVE THE POST NOW IS FACED WITH A POTENTIAL PROBLEM IN DOVETAILING ITS ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS WITH PROJECTED SHIFTS IN PERSONNEL. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM.

2. WITH THE PROPOSED DIRECT TRANSFER OF CHUCK DOSCHER TO TOKYO (REF A) (TOKYO WANTS HIM IN EARLY JANUARY), AND WITH THE SCHEDULED APRIL DEPARTURE FOR POST OF HIS REPLACE-MENT WAYNE SWEDENBERG, WE ARE FACED WITH A POTENTIAL FOUR MONTH GAP IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S POSITION.

3. PROSPECTS OF SOME GAP (BUT NOT RPT NOT FOUR MONTHS') AFTER DOSCHER'S DEPARTURE PRESENT NO PROBLEM TO THE POST AS WE WOULD ASSIGN ED POHL TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S POSITION, ONE WHICH HE HAS COVERED EFFECTIVELY IN THE PAST. A PROBLEM ARISES, HOWEVER, IN THAT POHL IS DUE FOR HOME LEAVE AND TRANSFER IN APRIL, OR SOONER IF A SUITABLE ASSIGNMENT OPENS FOR HIMSELF AND HIS SPOUSE - WHO IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, PERSONNEL. WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE FULL MONTH OVERLAP BETWEEN POHL AND
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SWEDENBERG.

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4. I BELIEVE THAT THE BEST SOLUTION IS TO HAVE SWEDENBERG'S ARRIVAL ADVANCED AND HAVE HIM ON BOARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DOSCHER'S DEPARTURE, BUT IN NO CASE LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1. THIS WOULD PERMIT DOSCHER TO PROCEED TO TOKYO ONLY SOMEWHAT LATER THAN EA WISHES; THE AVAILABILITY OF THE POHLS FOR A SUITABLE ASSIGNMENT AFTER FIVE YEARS IN JIDDA WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED; ROSS BENSON COULD TAKE HOME LEAVE AS PLANNED IN APRIL (REF D); AND THE EXPANDING ADMIN-ISTRATIVE OPERATIONS OF THE EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY INTERRUPTED.

5. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS AND PLANS COULD YOU PLEASE INFORM ME IMMEDIATELY OF ANY DECISIONS MADE IN THIS MATTER.
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